

WASHINGTON STATE FIRE DEFENSE COMMITTEE

MEETING MINUTES

March 17, 2009

Kelso, Washington

A regular meeting of the Washington State Fire Defense Committee was held on Tuesday, March 17th, 2009 at 1000.

Present at the meeting were:

Central Region	Tedd Hendershot
Lower Columbia Region	
Mid Columbia Region	Kelley O'Brien (via Conference Call), Dale Bjork
Northeast Region	Bruce Holloway, Bill Walkup
Northwest Region	
Olympic Region	
South Puget Sound Region	Dan Smith
Southeast Region	Bob Gear (via Conference Call)
Southwest Region	Dave LaFave, Tom McDowell
WSP Fire Protection Bureau	Mike Matlick, Dan Johnson, Sue Carr
DNR	Joe Shramek (via Conference Call)
Guests	Randy Johnson (via Conference Call)

Chair Dave LaFave called the meeting to order at 10:10 a.m.

MINUTES

February meeting minutes were approved as submitted.

AGENDA ITEMS

Randy Johnson requested an alteration of the agenda focusing on the Type 3 IMT discussion first; no concerns were brought forward with this request.

Type 3 IMTs

A small group met with State Fire Marshal Mike Matlick to discuss changes in the Mobilization Plan and assist with the creation of the new Appendix "P". Randy believes this is a good beginning document.

Group discussion ensued with several agreeing that the Appendix is a good starting point and can be refined as necessary in the future. Several brought a concern forward regarding the possible issue of an Agency Administrator not being available at the scene and that their duties may be delegated to the local fire district Chief. Another concern was voiced regarding joint jurisdictions and multiple Agency Administrators. It was agreed that edits would likely be needed over the life of the document.

Clarification edits were made to the document with agreement of those in attendance.

A motion to approve Appendix P as amended during meeting was made by Bill, seconded by Bruce. Motion passed.

Final Review and Adoption of Mobilization Plan

The group extensively discussed the review of the plan and additional clarifications or edits that will be necessary for approval. All edits were made to the document with the agreement of those in attendance. Additional discussion ensued regarding Appendix G. One concern brought forward for discussion was the authority of the SFDC to approve or sanction T3 teams. It was discussed that teams would be managed based on their performance and they must meet NWCG (310-1) standards. Several members discussed this is ultimately a Regional issue. It was asked of SFM Matlick if the WSP has the authority to direct the usage of a team – he believes the RCW provides that authority.

Dan Johnson will make the edits and forward the document electronically to the Committee as soon as possible.

A motion to approve Mobilization Plan and Appendices as amended during meeting was made by Bruce, Tom seconded. Motion passed.

The plan will be forwarded to FPPB for their review and approval.

Dissolution of the Fire Protection Policy Board (FPPB)

Dave LaFave advised several had asked about the future of the SFDC during the last State Chiefs Meeting. He advised the SFDC was originally a standalone board and was expected to remain after the dissolution of the FPPB. SFM Matlick advised language will need to be changed in the RCW to show this change and the group may become a Technical Advisory Group. It is expected that the SFDC will continue to work as usual with no significant changes.

Economic impact on resource availability during the upcoming season

SFM Matlick advised it is unknown what will be appropriated for Mobilization. Overall, he does not expect any major impacts at this time. Joe advised DNR is also still undetermined as well.

REPORTS

- **Geographic Board - Joe Shramek**

The Board is currently reviewing and working on IMT sustainability.

- **Fire Protection Bureau - Dan Johnson**

Survey Results

Dan discussed the 2008 Fire Season after action survey. As a result of some recommendations, he has included several new items in the Plan. Those include a list of recommended supplies needed on equipment deployed to a mobilization and a list of possible “cache” items. Dan will also provide a document for distribution at the next FDC Meeting outlining the major issues identified in the survey and a response to those issues.

Rate Schedule

Dan is currently working to develop a farm equipment and property rate schedule. He continues to work on the rate schedule for fire service equipment. It was mentioned that the State Chiefs would like to get the rate schedule by the 1st of the year. Dan advised he is awaiting the DNR and USFS rate schedule to ensure we are in line with their rates before the final draft is forwarded.

ELECTIONS

Dan Smith accepted the nomination for Vice-Chair and was unanimously elected to the position.

No further business coming before the committee, the meeting was adjourned at 11:58.

The next meeting will be a conference call; details will be forwarded as the date approaches.